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The bad roads and the spot cash rule for gasoline are causing many a Ford to get a needed rest.

We haven't heard of anybody in these parts worrying over the income tax they will have to pay this year.

Would it not be well to buy now what cotton you will need for 1921, instead of trying to make it to sell at a low price?

A man who will make mean liquor and sell it to his neighbor's boys deserves not only a suit of convict stripes but stripes on his bare back.

It's a mighty depraved citizen, if he deserves to be called a citizen, who will persist in selling liquors in violation of the laws of God and man.

When the women of this country come into the fullness of their power, politically, they will make it mighty hard for "Uncle Sam" to engage in war, and in so doing they will render a great service.

If there ever was a time when the great masses of the people needed indulgence in the payment of taxes that time is right now. It is really surprising how many people there are who can not raise the cash for their taxes at this time.

Entering the White House with a plurality of 7,000,000 Mr. Harding will in a very real sense become president of the people. Now the question is, Will he be president of all the people or will he be a partisan president? Let us hope for the best.

Farmers to Meet Saturday.

Whether the day brings sunshine or rain, sleet or snow, the Court House next Saturday, January 15, should be crowded with farmers and other business men. A serious situation confronts every cotton grower, and as all of our business interests are dependent upon the cotton grower a serious situation confronts every interest in the county. The agricultural, financial and general economic situation will be discussed in its every phase at the meeting Saturday. Attend the meeting and take part. If you can not speak, come and say amen to those who are trying to lead our people back into the ways of prosperity.

Enforce the Vagrancy Law.

There is work for everybody and everybody should be at work of one kind or another. In some sections of our country climatic conditions are such that practically no outdoor work can be done in January, but not so in the Sunny South. Here almost without interruption outdoor work of one form or another can be done all the year round.

Every individual who desires employment can find work to do and the enforcement of the vagrancy law will cause them to find employment. There is a disposition on the part of some persons to refuse to work at the wages now offered. Because they can not demand abnormally high wages, as they did a year ago, they are disposed to loaf. Let idlers understand that they must find work or move on to some other place. Edgefield does not need them.

Better Law Enforcement Needed

The wave of crime that has swept and is now sweeping the country has not reached Edgefield at its flood-tide. Up to this time there has been no very flagrant violations of law in this county, with the possible exception of making and selling liquor. It is reported that liquor is being distilled in many sections of the county. If this be true, steps should be taken at once by the officers, with the support of every law-abiding citizen, to apprehend and punish these men. No man in Edgefield county who makes liquor is a good citizen and it should be made so uncomfortable

for him that he will fold his tent and move out. Then there are the sellers of liquor. It is said that liquor is being sold, even right here in Edgefield. We do not know whether it is or not, but if liquor is being sold somebody should be punished for it. The officers of the law should be alert and active, driving these unworthy men out of the nefarious business of selling liquor. We believe 90 persons out of every hundred in Edgefield county want to see the liquor law enforced. The other 10 are the sellers and drinkers who want to see it violated. Let's get busy and enforce the prohibition law and all other laws.

Reduce Fertilizer Bill.

There is no denying the fact that, whether commercial fertilizers be high or low in price, the vast majority of our farmers can not afford to make large fertilizer debts this year. In the first place, a large portion of farmers begin the year considerably involved in debt and therefore should be slow to increase the amount of their indebtedness, and, in the second place, even farmers who are not heavily in debt should, on account of the uncertainty of conditions, proceed cautiously in making financial obligations. There is no way of determining what damage the boll weevil will do in this section this year, and furthermore there is nothing certain about the price of cotton next fall. Whether it will be eight or eighteen cents nobody knows.

In view of conditions as above set forth, it behoves farmers to reduce fertilizer bills by making all of the fertilizers possible in their barnyards this winter. Begin now, if you have not already done so.

Card From Mr. Thurmond.

Mr. Editor:

Some time since I notified the State President of the American Cotton Association, and also Captain B. R. Tillman, the Vice-President of the Association in this county, that I could no longer hold the position of President of the association of this county, and Mr. Tillman kindly issued a call for a meeting of the business men of the county for Saturday, January 15th for re-organization, and to adopt the proper method for reducing cotton acreage in the county this year.

The call of Captain Tillman is urgent; it is a fire alarm, and if cotton acreage is not radically reduced in this State disaster can not be avoided.

It is probable that the dreaded weevil will devastate most of our cotton fields this year, and our farmers must learn to make their living at home and to make money otherwise than growing cotton, or we are certain to have bankruptcy.

There are people who are dissatisfied with the Cotton Association, because of the slump in the price of last year's crop. However, their conclusion is not justified, because the Tobacco Growers and the growers of other staple products have had a similar experience to the cotton growers, and their association could not protect them from deflation.

Cohesion and cooperation of our farmers are not only advisable, but necessary for their success. Last year the State Cotton Association directed the counties to have three purposes in view: (1) the acquisition of new members of the association; (2) the building of warehouses; (3) securing a cotton grader for the county.

We started last year in this county with 135 members of the association whose dues had not been paid. Nearly 200 new members were added to our county association last year, and about 50 of them paid their dues. The stringency of money caused by the drop in prices prevented the other members from paying their dues. And while \$2.00 is a small sum, yet if you have not got it you can not pay it. I think our people did the best they could, but they should try to pay their dues, and to keep up this organization, for this can not be done without money.

A public cotton warehouse was constructed at Edgefield and I can not say how many warehouses were built in the county by individuals. Suffice it is to say warehouse space at the Court House has been ample to supply demand.

A Government Cotton Grader was secured by the writer, and his salary guaranteed by a few business men at the Court House, and a few farmers in the county. The association did not attain as much for the people of the county last year as the writer hoped, but it had to combat most unfavorable conditions. However, the association was not without some good results in this county.

You will find "knockers" of the association and its officers; ask such a fellow what amount he subscribed

to any cotton warehouse, what part of the Cotton Grader's salary did he guarantee payment of, what unfortunate fellow did he help pay his dues. Usually 'blowhards' have no capacity except to blow hard. Taxes are soon to be paid and preparations for a new crop must be made, and very few people have money to spare for other purposes, but remember, the best investment you can make, the best way to promote your own interest is to educate yourselves and familiarize yourselves with your own business, and remember, that the Cotton Association will help you do this.

Let farmers and business men of all classes meet according to Captain Tillman's call and put their heads together, and make the association a great success in the county for the year 1921.

J. Wm. THURMOND,
President A. C. A., E. C.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Boatwright Nicholson.

In the passing away of Mrs. John Nicholson at her home near Ridge Spring on Sunday night at 1:30 o'clock, the last of this large and prominent and wealthy Boatwright family of the Ridge has departed. Mrs. Nicholson was the only daughter of Burrell Boatwright and Sophia Watson and was about 84 years of age, having been married about 60 years ago to Mr. John Threewits Nicholson who survives her.

Mrs. Nicholson was taken sick on Tuesday and lived but a part of a week from the beginning of her illness receiving the devoted attention of her large and affectionate family. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church of which she had been many years a member. Dr. Dorsett, her pastor, conducting the service, assisted by Dr. Brunson of Sumter. Beautiful floral offerings were the expressions of love from her children and many friends. A pillow lay at the head, a magnificent cross at the centre and a crown at the foot of the casket, and the splendid grandsons acted as pall bearers.

Mrs. Nicholson was the mother of ten children, six surviving her, her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Nicholson Boatwright having passed away in 1918, and three others dying as children.

Those remaining to deplore her loss are Burrell Nicholson and Miss Chloe Nicholson, who are still residents of the home to be a comfort and stay to their beloved father; Mrs. Elizabeth Watson of Ridge Spring, Mrs. James S. Bussey of Augusta; Mrs. Burdette Asbill of Ridge Spring and Faust Nicholson of Charleston.

Many expressions of sympathy have been heard for the family who have so long been able to return to the old home and mother who is now no more, but awaiting their coming in a brighter sphere.

Trenton News.

Trenton, Jan. 8.—During the holidays the younger set was especially gay. Dinner parties were given by Misses Rosa May and Frances Miller, Misses Margaret and Tiny Whitlock, Miss Nell Curby, Miss Mildred Pardue and afternoon doll parties by Miss Kathleen Mathis and Wilma Swearingen.

The young women of the town gave a leap year party in Wise's hall last Friday evening. Music and games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Fannie Harrison has returned from a trip to Greenville and Spartanburg.

H. H. Green of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. Thomas Bennett of Charleston have returned to their homes after being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Day, Jr.,

J. D. Mathis, Jr., and J. D. Mathis, Sr., are in Fort White, Fla., enjoying a season of hunting.

Mrs. Peter Irving of Atlanta, Mrs. Samuel Rice of Columbia and Mrs. S. A. Morrall of Edgefield are guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Morrall and Mrs. F. W. Miller.

Mrs. Wallace Wise and Miss Julia Wise are in Florida where they are guests of friends and relatives in Jacksonville, Crescent City and Fort White.

Wallace W. Wise has returned from a visit to Jacksonville.

Henry Clay Miller has returned to Richmond after spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Marsh have entertained a continuous house party during the holidays. Among the guests were Misses Lillian and Debbie May Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Willis of Gaffney and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter of Aiken.

Mrs. Garland Coleman and Garland, Jr., of Tampa, Fla., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Bigford of Starkville, Miss., have come to

Trenton to live, at present they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Miller.

Miss Sue Timmerman is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Mathis, Jr.

Miss Catherine Marsh entertained the young set most royally Wednesday evening. Quite a large number of young folk were present. Miss Marsh's home being equi-distant from Edgefield, Johnston and Trenton giving the young lady a large number of friends. After games refreshments were served.

Antioch News.

The holidays have passed off very quietly in our community and hope the new year will bring much happiness and success.

The school here opened Monday after New Year's Day with the following teachers: Miss Sallie Cunningham of Chester, S. C., Miss Lucile Reel of Edgefield and Miss Pearl Smoak of Orangeburg.

Miss Mamie Holmes of Red Hill is visiting her brother, Mr. W. L. Holmes.

Mr. Ray Gardner has returned from a short trip to Dunedin, Fla.

Misses Emmie Sue and Ruth Quarles are visiting relatives in North Augusta.

Mr. Dabney Talbert did not return to Edgefield High School on account of his duties at home.

Miss Zola Walker has returned to Aiken where she is attending school, also Misses Elizabeth and Lucile Brunson have returned to Leesville county to attend school after spending a short while with their parents.

Miss Ola Gardner has returned from a pleasant visit to her relatives at Red Hill.

The church services were small last Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mrs. Mattie Holston spent last Thursday with Mrs. Prescott Lyon.

Miss Daisy Gardner has returned to Augusta to take up her position with the Federal Clothing store, after spending a few days with her parents.

Mr. William Brunson was a regular visitor to Rev. Barnes' home during the holidays as Mr. Barnes had another visitor from Andrews, S. C.

Mr. Kilgo has been on the sick list but is much better now.

Mr. W. F. West has moved into his

new home near his old one.

Several of the lumber haulers have had to discontinue their work on account of the weather and bad roads.

Mr. Gordon Johnston has returned from a recent trip to Florida.

Miss Addie Callihan has given up her position with Daich Bros., and is visiting relatives this week.

The union meeting of this division will be held at Antioch church the fifth Saturday and Sunday of this month.

Letter From a School Boy.

Dear Advertiser:

As I haven't seen anything writing from this community, I will give you a few dots.

Christmas is now over and the schools have reopened.

The Longcane school opened today with its faithful and efficient teacher, Miss Velma Cogburn, at her post of duty.

Despite the roads being very muddy and bad there was lots of travel last week.

Misses Ellen Bledsoe, Martha Bell, Frances DeVore, Emma and Margaret Blocker will return early week to their college duties. The former three will go to Summerland and the latter two to Coker. We feel very proud of these unusually bright girls who are holding the banner so high for Edgefield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bryan and their children of Greenwood, were welcome visitors in the community last week.

Mr. Wilbur M. Cogburn spent several days last week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Thomas Hall. He now holds a responsible position in Charleston.

Mrs. John R. Bryan and her children spent Sunday with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Bryan in Edgefield.

The Misses Wren of Wrens, Ga., were welcome guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bryan last week. Miss Mary Wren has taught school over here, and has many friends who are always glad to see her. She now presides over a gay little flock in Aiken county.

Mr. Editor, should this escape the waste basket, I will possibly try again.

SCHOOLBOY.

A WAIST SALE

Only for those who wear waists. We are cleaning up our entire stock of silk waists at \$3.39 each, values up to \$12.00. Season's latest styles.

In cotton waists we offer you two splendid values for that dollar. Make it purchase more than it will buy elsewhere—there are two lots. Cleaning up the cotton waists at 98 cents and \$1.98 each, values up to \$4.75, all fresh stock. We are making room for spring goods.

The above waists include the famous Wellworth and Worthmore waists. They can't be beat for material and workmanship.

PRICES FOR CASH ONLY

The Corner Store

Some Verses on Mr. Israel Mukashy.

"Sometime in the year 1902,
There came to this country a smiling little Jew;
I know you will ask, who was he,
So I will tell you at the start, Israel Mukashy.
He was poor as a church mouse,
So he took a little pack,
Put it on his back,
And peddled from house to house.

His stock in trade was his smiling face,
And his bargains he gave as his saving grace,
As he travelled around he took special care
To make good friends everywhere.
And he began to get a start,
So he quit carrying his pack,
Around on his back,
And bought him a horse and a cart.

But the horse wouldn't go without much flogging;
It took a lot of effort to keep him a jogging,
So he swapped his horse for a mule
To a man who thought him a fool.
But the man didn't know,
Like the little Jew who had carried the pack
Around on his back,
Until he tried to make the horse go.

He made friends by the score
And his trade just grew,
For everybody liked the smiling little Jew,
And he chose for his companion the best little wife,
You ever heard of in all your life.
And his business grew more and more,
So he took the pack
And put it in a shack
And called it a Department Store.

Now it pays to make friends you will see,
As you read what I say about Mukashy;
For he'll always treat you white,
Whether you go to him day or night.
And today just come around,
See how his little pack
He once carried on his back
Grew to be the biggest store in town.

W. S. G. HEATH.